

PROTOCOL of consultations on the regulation of the conflict between Georgia and Abkhazia

Due to the developments in Abkhazia the concern and alarm are constantly raising. Every day of military confrontation brings new suffering to the civilians and serious damage to the economy.

The situation has become complicated in the south of Russia. The republics of region, adjacent to the conflict zone are concerned at the established situation.

Participants of the consultations:

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from the Abkhaz Side - V. Ardzinba, K. Ozgan

stated about their position on the ways aimed at overcoming the existing situation.

The sides agreed upon the following:

- 1) a firm commitment to stop bloodshed and secure conflict regulation through peaceful means;
- 2) suspension of military confrontation and movement of armed formations from 31 August of 1992;
- 3) establishment of permanent communication between the sides in order to exchange the information and respond to the changes of situation;
- 4) securing of regular and safe functioning of air and maritime transport; fulfillment of reconciled timetable of transportation of civil population in the conflict zone and on adjacent territories.

The sides commit themselves to take responsibility on prevention of possible incidents and provocations posing a threat to the people and delivery of cargo.

5) The conflicting sides expeditiously will hand over the wounded persons, hostages, war prisoners and dead bodies without any prior conditions.

6) The Russian Federation will render humanitarian assistance to the population affected by the conflict. The Red Cross Organizations of three Sides will determine the procedure and distribution of humanitarian aid.

The representatives of Russian federation reaffirmed their readiness to carry out the role of mediator in the conflict settlement.

The participants of consultations consider that forthcoming meeting in Moscow on 3 September 1992 is an event of special importance. Immediate cease-fire, normalization of the situation, unconditional protection of rights and freedoms of individuals will establish necessary preconditions for successful meeting.

Signed by: **T. Kitovani, S. Shoigu, V. Ardzinba**

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